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I have been opposed to the federal government's lawsuit against Microsoft from the day it was filed. I have always thought it was a bad idea to punish a company for being successful in the marketplace. Worse it seemed as if the Justice Department was doing the work of Microsoft's competitors-- AOL Sun Oracle to name a few -- for them primarily because they were losing in the marketplace. For that reason I support the proposed settlement with the government. The suit never should have been brought in the first place. If there's an opportunity to settle it we should do so ASAP-- no more money time or energy invested in persecuting this successful company. I support the DoJ's efforts to settle and hope the Department will focus on prosecuting real criminals instead of manufacturing trumped-up cases against good corporate citizens. No more regulation via litigation please. Sincerely Douglas Goodyear